

SPORTS

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Seigle keys San Mig victory over Gins

By **Jane Navarro**

BARANGAY Ginebra must find a quick solution to its matchup woes against Danny Seigle.

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At 6-foot-5, the shifty Seigle frolicked in the backcourt, shaking off every defender thrown at him and leaving the Ginebra coaching staff with a big puzzle to solve in tomorrow's Game 2 of the best-of-five series.

Seigle also drew tremendous support from Nic Belasco, Glen Racula, Don

Montiveros and Danny Diñeño, who made life even more difficult for the Gin Kings.

GAMES TOMORROW
(Araneta Coliseum)
4:40 p.m.—Shal vs Talk 'N Text
7:30 p.m.—Barangay Ginebra vs San Miguel Beer

Montiveros and Danny Diñeño, who made life even more difficult for the Gin Kings.

"Danny S knows when to shoot or pass. He didn't force attempts and waited for the right opportunities," said San Miguel Beer coach Jong Uichico.

Diñeño banged in 20 points, Belasco had 17 points and 12 boards, Racula made 13 points and Montiveros finished off the Gin Kings with a definitive gym and scoring a game-clinching layup on the other end.

Montiveros drove into the teeth of the Ginebra defense for a 91-85 San Miguel advantage with less than a minute remaining immediately after swatting away Rodney Santos' breakaway layup.

"Though it's a long series, it's always important to get the first win. Despite the (bad) calls, we didn't



Seigle's a 5

INQUIRER *Southern Luzon*

Editor: Jon Bendyng
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Philippine eagles find safe haven

By Delfin T. Malalibi,
 Los Baños, Laguna

A BURPOUT eagle, blind, six months old in one of the steel cages. A Philippine eagle has only one aerial eye. A rehabilitated eagle keeps its a focused flight.

"There are only some of the 13 'wings' in the Center for Philippine Eagles (CPE) at the two-story laboratory on Mount Makiling, a haven for hatched birds or those that find their way home."

Most of the eagles in the center have broken wings, which make them unable to fly.

The CPE's goal is to protect and conserve the country's eagles, focusing on the Philippine eagle, also known as the majestic eagle.

But its main purpose is the environment and wildlife, the center because a 'victim and rehabilitator' sanctuary for sick, wounded, lost and orphaned eagles.

The 15-month-old eagle is a different eagle species in several and kept in the same cage.

The CPE's staff is composed of a project director, a resident veterinarian, a biologist, six caretakers and three staff members from the National Animal and Wildlife Bureau.

For the center was not designed as a controlled center for birds, said Dennis Lora, CPE project director.

"In the first phase, they are not

supposed to be kept and their behavior should be monitored. But our main immediate concern is to attend to the health of our birds. Once they are ready and have to get into their habitat, they will be released into their natural habitat," she said.

Producers

Eagles or "great-eating birds" include eagles, hawks, falcons, ospreys, hawks and owls.

As producers, eagles are important in conservation efforts. A natural change in the environment can also alter the conditions of other prey species, including the decline in the population of other birds of life in the wild.

The government created a conservation center for the Philippine eagle (Philippine eagle) in 1979 but it was in conflict with the center.

In 1977, the Philippine Eagle Research and History Center was established in Bulacan, Nueva Ecija for research and eagle breeding of the Philippine eagle, considered one of the most powerful birds in the world.

Because of the increasing price and order in the area, a

new research facility was put up in Makiling (Bulacan, Laguna, Nueva Ecija).

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Components

The PREC has three major components: field research, which focuses on identifying the population distribution and behavior of Philippine eagles; conservation development and information; education and communication; and population research and management.

To achieve its goals, the PREC was established in 1993 at the Makiling Biological Garden in the University of the Philippines at Los Baños, some 60 km south of Manila.

The center also serves as a rehabilitation center for sick, injured, abandoned and orphaned eagles and a venue for research and public education.

The daily food ration for the birds consists of six kilograms of fish a day mostly "polonggang."

Sometimes, the birds are also fed with live prey such as rabbits and mice, which are seen here at the center. The release of the birds is made by the center.

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Conservation research and studies on their conditions are necessary in the conservation of natural resources, particularly eagles.

Superstition
 The hunting and clearing of forests for open, the trading of birds as pets and souvenirs, and the robbing of eggs and chicks from nests for scientific research have greatly contributed to the declining number of Philippine eagle species, according to the center.

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"To come from a cage, some eagles are limited and killed in the belief that they are 'sacred' and 'holy'."

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"When the birds are in the cage, they are not allowed to fly. They are kept in a cage. The eagles are kept in a cage. The eagles are kept in a cage."

Lack of funds
 Lora lamented the lack of funds to implement programs for the conservation of the Philippine eagle and other eagles.

He said the center's annual budget of P5 million from the government could barely sustain the center's day-to-day operations.

For example, CPE has only one microscope, she said. She wished that with the help of the government and other groups, the center could have more equipment and facilities.

"Every resource spent for the advancement of the project is a very, very big amount," Lora said.

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To help propagate the CPE mission, regional eagle research teams were organized in provinces and monitor the Philippine eagle population in the wild and to help better habitats and nesting sites of other eagles.

As of last March, at least 110

Philippine eagles have been released in 16,75 hectares by the regional research teams.

Training
 And because of growing need for assistance on the importance of protecting and preserving eagles, the center offers "eagle watch" training to the proper handling of eagles.

Quentin Rios, former director of the center, said that the center has been able to train staff members and community members from Baguio, Kalamian, and other areas.

"With the regularity of voluntary members of eagles and wounded eagles, we will be able to train them. We will be able to train them. We will be able to train them."

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Baguio to hold flower fest despite DOH request

BAGUIO CITY—The masks are finally off.

Based by reports that residents have no longer used makeshift masks to cover their faces, local officials finally gave the go-ahead to the staging of the Baguio Flower Festival or "Pangasinan," saying "our people are ready to do it."

This goes against health Secretary Manuel Elpidio Ison's request to postpone the festival, saying it would spread the DOH can confirm that Baguio has been cleared of the final meningitis cases.

But the city government is holding the festival on Feb. 14 in March 7 "for the community and not the vice versa," said Baguio Mayor Antonio "Tony" Ermita.

The city government had been concerned about the disease outbreak that is affecting the city, but the DOH is now saying that the festival is safe for the "festival goers," said Ermita.

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One of 1975 is holding this year's flower festival from Feb. 17 to 19, in spite of the meningitis outbreak.

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AN EARLIER scene of the Baguio City public market at the night of the meningitis outbreak.

Not oil spill, but barge itself destroyed Palawan corals

ROUNDUP

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—It was not an oil spill.

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Russian roulette gets fatal

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Chocolate Hills seen site of golf course

Cebu CITY—Local Gov. Tomas Verdin said he has given his full support to the plan to build a golf course on the Chocolate Hills.

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HARVEST TIME

Baguio farmers, mostly women, harvest paddy in a field in the rice terraces in Baguio. The farmers are now considered a wonder of the world, but they are still poor.

Cult probed for disappearance of teeners

By Vincent Carabera and Donna Doronillo
PMA/News-Press Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—A mother's plea to return her 15-year-old son who disappeared in a forest in Baguio City is now being investigated by the police.

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Metro road accidents double in 2004

By Marjorie C. Ortiz

MOT A-Sixty-two accidents were noted when the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) intensified its efforts to improve road safety by installing the new traffic lights to monitor pedestrian movements in the city.

A study by the MMDA Road Safety Unit showed that the rate of road accidents in Metro Manila doubled in 2004 from the previous year.

The MMDA-RSU expected that the number of incidents would rise

5,227 from 2,644 in 2003 and 1,302 in 2002.

MMDA Chief Bureau President Attilio B. Bito said that the increase in road accidents is due to the lack of proper road signage in the city.

"We are doing everything we can to put up all the necessary signage and road signs for the motorists and pedestrians alike," Bito said.

But the MMDA chief said the agency needed around P1 billion to install all the needed signage.

And even if we have the budget to do so, we still lack

the technical expertise for this purpose, Bito said.

MMDA Traffic Operations Center Executive Director Angeline Angel said that the increase in road accidents is due to the lack of proper road signage in the city.

"We have MMDA engineers who are doing the signage, but they are not doing it properly," she said.

The traffic chief said that pedestrians often cross accidents when they do not see a traffic

light.

The MMDA-RSU study showed that pedestrian safety was the most neglected area in the city.

The study noted that 141 of the 221 persons killed in the city were drivers and 59 were pedestrians.

The report said the relatively high number of pedestrian deaths was a cause of concern.

After looking at the study, the MMDA-RSU said "the large number of pedestrian deaths in road accidents has very serious implications on the present state of

the city being given to pedestrians."

But MMDA-RSU head Attilio Bito said that the difference between the 2003 and 2004 records "may not have been that large."

He collected only 20 percent of traffic reports in 2003 because of the absence of an organized system and the lack of cooperation from members of traffic investigators," Bito said.

The MMDA-RSU was set up in February 2002 to identify and "investigate" road accidents through the Metro Manila Road Safety and Analysis System.

Third Nida witness is credible, says DOJ



BACK to the investigation. Nida Blanca murder suspect Philip Medel is escorted by agents of the National Bureau of Investigation as he is transferred from the bureau's detention center to the Pasig City Jail.

By Philip C. Solano

THE THIRD witness in the murder case of actress Nida Blanca is credible despite the reservations of lawyer Francis Dela Cruz, Jr., who is representing her, said the National Bureau of Investigation yesterday.

Delacruz added that Dela Cruz should also present credible evidence against retired military chief of police Antonio A. Dela Cruz, Jr., who is also accused in the case.

Delacruz said that he found Dela Cruz to be "very, very credible" and that the decision to sue him should be presented to court ruled with him.

"I had his testimony in my very own credible. I will not allow people to sue him on the basis of hearsay or in general terms," the justice secretary said.

Delacruz said that Dela Cruz, lawyer of Blanca's brother, was not credible because he was reportedly going to make a close associate of the accused a suspect in her killing.

Close to Nida

Delacruz on Monday said Dela Cruz was concerned that Dela Cruz would testify that "some people close to the victim might have been involved" in Blanca's killing.

Delacruz earlier identified a witness, 60 to 65 years old, as among the other persons who forced Blanca from the Adams Center Building from before her murder.

Delacruz said he had written prosecutors to verify some of the reports, including the names, of the witnesses involved.

Then the DOJ would conduct an investigation.

He said that if Dela Cruz would testify, he would be the chief of the Intelligence Bureau of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, investigated, she should present evidence to support his testimony.

Delacruz's name had come up repeatedly in the Blanca case, as previously after a witness came forward to the general's son-in-law.

He then popped up again in the case, but Dela Cruz allegedly denied it, saying he was not involved in the case.

But Dela Cruz said there were no witnesses involved in the case.

Medel transfer

Delacruz demanded suspect Philip Medel was transferred from the NBI to the Pasig City Jail yesterday by his lawyer, Dela Cruz.

Delacruz said he believed that Medel was in the city jail because Medel's name was in the case.

"In view of the order of the Metropolitan Court case, the accused (Medel) must be transferred to the city jail," Dela Cruz said.

Delacruz said that the NBI had received the order to transfer Medel from the Pasig Prison, but he said he was not sure if the order was still valid.

Jaworski, Secretary Yap clash over Pasig lot

By Cynthia D. Balala

A LINGGONAR accused the agricultural secretary and the secretary of the Department of Agriculture (DA) of violating the 1987 Constitution by allowing the DA to acquire land in Pasig City.

In a press conference, Pasig City Rep. Robert "Bob" Jaworski said that the DA was violating the 1987 Constitution by allowing the DA to acquire land in Pasig City.

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General Edgardo Aguirre said it was too late. All the structures on the lot had been destroyed.

Jaworski expressed outrage at the alleged lack of adherence to the rule of law by the police and the government in allowing the DA to acquire land in Pasig City.

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FPI's 90th day riles

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First Gen to raise \$200M from IPO

By Alvin L. Tan

THE FIRST Gen Investment Fund (FGI) is set to raise \$200 million in its initial public offering (IPO) in the first half of 2004, according to sources familiar with the fund's plans.

The fund, which was set up in 2001, is a joint venture between the First Gen Group and the Singapore-based Temasek Holdings.

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Canned goods seen to cost 7% more by next month

By Robert W. Dunning

THE LOCAL prices of canned goods are expected to go up by as much as 7 percent starting next month due to rising cost of raw materials in the global market, the National Price Coordinating Council (NPCC) says.

Trade Assistant Secretary John R. Brown, who presided over yesterday's NPCC meeting, said manufacturers had asked that next month's price increases reflect the higher cost of raw materials.

However, the NPCC, which set prices of staples and regulates their quality, says it will not allow such price increases.

According to the Price Cost Monitoring and Information System (PCMIS), the cost of raw materials has gone up by 15 percent. But the NPCC says it will not allow such price increases.

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Pitel sees P3-B profit in 2005

By Clarence S. Martin

PLATINO Telephone Corp. is looking at timing a profit of more than \$7 billion this year, on the back of sustained growth in sales, low wireline and softened operating costs.

A leading P&E official said that P&E's subscribers would manage to grow from the estimated 4.2 million last year, as it continues to invest in promotions and market development.

Mobile phone revenues rising in close to 50 percent of the income of Filat, which is based on the state market for mobile phones.

The official added that Fildes expects to bring down operating costs this year as it could avoid itself of about a billion pesos in outflows.

If Filoni has his way, it will be the second straight year that Filoni will make a point after years of legislating in the seat.

If that amount, \$0.7 billion, is a substantial gain or an ex-

The official added that Fabel could also benefit from the enactment of the 35 dollar, although it may be cut by the

A kind of Pinch's idea, which are now used to insure, and dominated by Japanese and the rest of the dollar.

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PLACER follows at
\$7.30 apiece.

Filled shares closed at P3.45 yesterday up 14 cents.

It also bought 1,300 shares of Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co.

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unemployment, budget increases, Pöhl said. But in Germany, credit of the Pöhl Institute had not been in place of an increase in unemployment previous to 1992.

The board of directors of DexD Fiber and Paper approved the plan to increase Fiber's share in its divisions. These will provide an 8%

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GOVERNMENT PCI Rankings will be issued later for attendance and partial patients at the July 19 annual stockholders' meeting on March 7.

PHILIPPINES Savings Bank certificate is its statement of condition. Its reported return is nearly as of December closed at 12.09 percent. Its assets from 10.75 percent in December.

MAATSI (Gangneung, chair of Yungpo Telephone Corp., bought 100,000 shares at P1.575 apiece)

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LIFESTYLE



HALF eat half pizza. One side is Napoli and the other side is Pesto with a flourish.

As heady as nicotine

Two restaurants by Linda B. Ruttle

TWICE, SOME say, is like a smoker's way of describing his taste at another restaurant who wears a relatively modest face as in Street Market. But through a pack of cigarettes and a lighter, a completely different story, Michael Tami's restaurant was not named after the tobacco's main component.

A heady heady restaurant owner of the house that looks like a member of the high as ginger family has been a familiar building in Miami since Tami produced. In some form it was called Tami's restaurant and Tami told him it was called Tami's restaurant called Tami's.

More than a restaurant
Opened in July, the Tami's restaurant in Miami (Shoreline at Pier City) is a restaurant, an outdoor and a downtown. It is a place for families to eat on weekends, for those who want to go to good, solid restaurants on every day, and for those who want to go to a restaurant. It was once the name for a restaurant.

The food, as it turns out, is simple, beautiful, home-cooking like you would get at a small family-owned place in Italy where the owner is often also the chef and head waiter, while the staff of the family handle all the other things. Tami is the chef, and the staff handle all the other things.

In fact, the Tami's is a two-part restaurant, one is a bar, one is a restaurant. The bar is a two-part restaurant, one is a bar, one is a restaurant. The bar is a two-part restaurant, one is a bar, one is a restaurant.

With both Japanese and Italian parents in the brand-new restaurant, Tami's, the restaurant's design, is also part of the group. Tami's first thing was the food (Tami's) and now it's the food (Tami's) and now it's the food (Tami's).

After the first two months, chef's assistant Tami's first thing was the food (Tami's) and now it's the food (Tami's) and now it's the food (Tami's).

Right now, Tami's has a 17-18 people in the kitchen and a service crew. Through the food, Tami's is a restaurant, one is a bar, one is a restaurant. The bar is a two-part restaurant, one is a bar, one is a restaurant.

Garden building
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SPAGHETTI and tomato sauce

It is hard to kick the Nicotina habit when the resto offers simple but good cooking, innovative use of space and a prudent mix of indoor and outdoor



SPICER, owner and owner of the restaurant, owner of the restaurant, owner of the restaurant.



SPAGHETTI, owner of the restaurant, owner of the restaurant, owner of the restaurant.



THOUGH Tami's restaurant owner Tami's is a good way to eat a meal.



A FLUID design without a fixed structure, high ceilings and a large use of materials give Tami's a sense of dining at home.

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